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To
The Chairman
National Human Rights Commission
Manav Adhikar Bhawan
Block-C, GPO Complex, INA
New Delhi-110023

Respected Sir,

Through this complaint, I again seek to draw your attention to the villagers of Sukarurkuti village who have been suffering due to restrictions on their livelihood by the Border Security Forces. Lack of basic amenities in agriculture and undue, despotic restriction is a severe threat to the villagers. The village is situated under Dinhata II Block and under the jurisdiction of Sahebganj Police Station in the District of Cooch Behar. The village has about 700 people out of which about 370 people are male and about 330 people are female. All villagers are Muslim by birth and belong to marginalized farmers community. The chief occupation in the village is farming. About 300 families have their own agricultural land that lies beyond the barbed fences.

In this village the distance between the barbed fence and main international border pillar is 150 to 200 yards and Border Security Force personnel attached with Seuti Border Out Post under 192 Battalion placed them inside the village and restricted the life and livelihood of the villagers. Beyond the fence total 1500 bigha of agricultural land are situated.

The villagers in this village have been cultivating jute for a long time but in this year after the posting of 192 Battalion of BSF in this area, they have started whimsical restriction on jute cultivation. Not only that after their posting they have started oppression upon the bordering villagers of Sukarurkuti and placed illegal restriction upon their daily life and livelihood activities.

Now, what is the most important fact is that during this time of nationwide lockdown due to spread of Covid 19 virus, the Border Security Force authority of Seuti Border Out Post under 192 Battalion BSF closed 24 and 25 number fencing gates and thereby restricted the movement of the village farmers from going to their agricultural field for cultivation. More than five months they cannot go to the field for cultivation. Several times the farmers and villagers requested to on duty Border Security Force personnel for opening the fencing gate, but every time BSF personnel refused their request and told that they were not allowed to open the fencing gate.

When our District Human Rights Monitor talked with the villagers of Sukarurkuti village, they expressed that in the agricultural field beyond the fence Boro paddy, and various types of vegetables have been harvested. As the Border Security Force authority not letting them go to their agricultural field beyond the fences, the crops are being wasted in the field due to lack of proper care. Boro paddies are completely destroyed without sufficient water and pesticides. When the villagers requested to the on duty BSF personnel to open the fencing gate as the crops in the field are being destroyed, the on duty Border Security Force personnel did not listen to them. They told that they had nothing to do if the crops in the field are destroyed.

Villagers of Sukarurkuti also stated that BSF jawans of 192 Battalion of Seuti Border Out Post also restricted the farmers to bring the crops to their house from the field. They are not opening the fencing gates timely for letting the farmers go to their agricultural field beyond the fence. They also told that girls from Bangladesh have left their cows and goats in their field and they talked to BSF for hours. Cows and goats every time destroy their crops in the field. If any villager goes on the IBBR road at that time to chase away cows and goats from their field, the posted BSF personnel started torturing upon them. From the statement of the villagers it has been proved again that the Indo – Bangladesh border is not in safe hands and people from neighboring country get easy access to enter into the Indian territory.

The villagers are very much disappointed as there is huge monetary loss upon them. Cultivation is the only source of income of these farmers and BSF directly imposed illegal restriction upon their farming. The value of their financial loss in this current situation is about Rs. 12,000/- per bigha of land for Boro paddy and Rs. 20,000/- per bigha for restriction in jute cultivation.

Some of agrarian laborers who have their land beyond the fences in the abovementioned areas are:

Serial no.	Name	Father's name	Mouza	Khatian no.	Dag no.
01	Mojahar Ali	Late Taleb Ali	Sukarurkuti	489	2928, 2941
02	Ajaha Ali Mondal	Late Taleb Ali	Sukarurkuti	489	2889, 2848
03	Sukkur Ali	Late Taleb Ali	Sukarur Kuti	489	2960
04	Apan Ali	Late Taleb Ali	Sukarurkuti	674	1039
05	Sahalam Ali	Makched Ali	Sukarurkuthi	LR 762	3239
06	Amina Bewa	Amir Ali	Sukarurkuti	194/1	3253, 3376
07	Rajar Ali	Hajrat Ali	Sukarurkati	1086	3075, 3255
08	Rupjan Bibi	Fajar Ali Sk	Sukarurkuti	1091	3264, 2953
09	Sahanaj Mondal	Late Achker Ali	Sukarurkuti	793/1	3255, 3080, 85,86, 3081
10	Mannaf Mondal	Late Achker Ali	Sukarurkuti	793/1	3255, 3080, 85
11	Mannaf Mondal	Late Achker Ali	Sukarurkuti	166	3086, 81, 3079
12	Mannaf Mondal	Late Achker Ali	Sukarurkuti	166	3077, 94, 95, 3239
13	Madhumala Bibi	Late Achker Ali	Sukaraurkuti	1082	3252, 30, 73, 3112, 3121, 3239, 3097, 3094, 3095
14	Siraj Ali Mondal	Ahammad Ali Mondal	Sukarurkati	896	3239
15	Siraj Ali Mondal	Ahammad Ali Mondal	Sukarurkuti	676	2891
16	Tamiran Bewa	Late Jamser Ali	Sukarurkuti	173/676	3057
17	Maklechar Rahman	Afchar Ali	Sukarurkuti	1354	3076, 3220
18	Mohhammad Ali	Anchar	Sukarurkuti	776	3076
19	Majiran bibi	Late Anchar Ali	Sukarurkuti	1156	3076
20	Mochalam Sk	Mechal Sk	Sukarurkuti	1159	2952, 2964, 2958, 3047, 2945

21	Haidar Ali Sk	Kajim Sk	Sukarurkuti	1851	3045, 3013, 3014, 3227
22	Haidar Ali Sk	Kajim Sk	Sukarurkuti	21	2911, 12,13
23	Haidar Ali Sk	Kajim Sk	Sukarurkuti	63	LR 3077
24	Mochammad Mariam Bibi	Late Mojammal Haque	Sukarurkuti	249	3050, 3054, 3064, 3068, 3066, 3071, 3055
25	Mekran Bibi	Sahar Ali	Sukarurkuti	62	676
26	Mominur Rahman	Sahar Ali	Sukarurkuti	63	1397, 1225, 3699
27	Abdul Hanif Sk	Mechal Sk	Sukarurkuti	1157	3068, 3128
28	Mantu Sk	Paisuddin Bypari	Sukarurkuti	1134	3259, 49, 44, 30, 42, 43, 55
29	Mantu Sk	Paisuddin Bypari	Sukarurkuti	2280	32, 33, 54
30	Mantu Sk	Paisuddin Bypari	Sukarurkuti	2222	3255
31	Jamim Ali	Natu Sk	Sukarurkuti	3279	3279
32	Tofi Sk	Ajimuddin Sk	Sukarurkuti	1377	1251
33	Jalal Sk	Ajimuddin Sk	Sukarurkuti	3009	1609
34	Hajra Bewa	Dajim Ali	Sukarurkuti	1424	3069
35	Hakimuddin Sk	Majam Sk	Sukarurkuti	676	2913
36	Hachna Bibi	Monchar Ali	Sukarurkuti	942/1	3242, 43, 55
37	Monchar Ali	Necharuddin	Sukarurkuti	739	3231, 34, 38, 45, 56, 66, 67
38	Abubakkar Ali	Esmail Sk	Sukarurkuti	3149	208, 119, 223
39	Sadikur Islam	Koichar Ali	Sukarurkuti	1413	3268, 3298, 3297, 3299, 3320
40	Abdul Majid	Kasim Ali	Sukarurkuti	97	2569, 3174, 3182, 3265
41	Abdul Majid	Kasim Ali	Sukarurkuti	2416	3201, 330, 3369, 70, 42
42	Mojammel Haque	Late Esmail Hossain	Sukarurkuti	130	3135, 3138, 208, 23, 435, 840
43	Raju Hossain	Sajirul Haque	Sukarurkuti	2562	3301, 3304
44	Raju Hossain	Sajirul Haque	Sukarurkuti	3111	3111, 8, 9, 10
45	Majirul Haque	Abdul Hossain	Sukarurkuti	1059/1	3317, 2071, 3209, 10, 91
46	Abdul Hossain	Kusumjul Sk	Sukarurkuti	151	3193, 3303, 3200, 208, 23, 435, 840
47	Hafijul Islam	Kaichar Ali	Sukarurkuti	1768	3318, 3319, 3322, 23, 24, 25
48	Mijanur Islam	Kaichar Ali	Sukarurkuti	1789	3318, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25
49	Kaichar Ali	Kachim Ali	Sukarurkuti	272	3179, 83, 3247, 3265, 3320
50	Kaichar Ali	Kachim Ali	Sukarurkuti	2415	3169, 94,

					3202, 3204, 08
51	Asraful Haque	Abul Hossain	Sukarurkuti	168/1	3303
51	Asraful Haque	Abul Hossain	Sukarurkuti	3131, 3121	676
52	Chanhar Ali	Nechar Ali	Sukarurkuti	381	3085, 3089, 5096, 97, 98, 3135, 3231
53	Chaleya Bibi	Chanhar Ali	Sukarurkuti	2456	3232
54	Chaleya Bibi	Chanhar Ali	Sukarurkuti	397/1	3250
55	Pasan Ali Sk	Ahammad Ali Mondal	Sukarurkuti	592	3239
56	Abdul Majid Sk	Majiduddin @ Monjola Sk	Sukarurkuti	249	3055, 32, 37
57	Monjola Sk	Kechal Sk	Sukarurkuti	757	3232, 41, 37

In February, 2020 the villagers of Sukarurkuti verbally requested to the Block Development Officer of Dinhati II Block to take action regarding this illegal restriction by the BSF on their agricultural activities. In the first week of March, 2020 the Block Development Officer of Dinhati II Block went to Seuti Border Out Post to discuss with them about the problems faced by the villagers due to their whimsical restriction but the BSF officials did not care to listen him. Block Development Officer of Dinhati II Block informed the villagers of Sukarurkuti that he had failed to solve their problem and advised them to inform the higher administrative officials.

On 06.04.2020 the villagers of Sukarurkuti sent one written complaint to the Sub Divisional Officer of Dinhati and requested to take proper action in this respect. On 16.04.2020 again they submitted one written application to the Superintendent of Police of Cooch Behar but the administration did not taken any steps to solve the problems of the villagers. On 27.05.2020 again the villagers sent another written letter to the Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar expressing their bad situation due to illegal and whimsical restriction imposed by BSF upon their agricultural activities. But till date no action has been taken by the district administration to solve their problem.

Sir, this restriction imposed upon the farmers by the Border Security Force authority of Sabri BSF camp under 192 Battalion is completely illegal and violation of the order of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. It is to be mentioned here that on 15 April, 2020 Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India issued one order being Memorandum number 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) where it was clearly stated under point number 6 that all agricultural and horticultural activities to remain fully functional during this critical time of Covid 19 outbreak. But Border Security Force being an authority under the Home Department of the Government of India violated the order of its own department. Why a strict action should not be taken against those BSF personnel attached with Seuti Border Out Post under 192 Battalion BSF who without any reason illegally restricted the farmers of Sukarurkuti village to go to their own field for cultivation.

This arbitrary attitude of Border Security Force authority of Seuti Border Out Post, 192 Battalion imposed upon the villagers of Sukarurkati is not only challenging their life and livelihood but also violating the Article 21 and Article 19 of the Constitution of India which reads as "No person shall be deprived of his life and liberty except according to procedure established by law" and "All citizens shall have the rights to move freely throughout the territory of India" respectively.

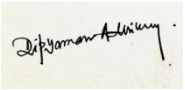
I request your urgent intervention in this case by fulfilling these demands of the villagers:

- The Border Security Force should be posted at the zero point instead of in the middle of the village.
- BSF should not be illegally restricted the life and livelihood of the villagers particularly of the farmers.

- Farmers should be allowed to go their agricultural field beyond the fences and continue their agricultural work without any obstruction.
- Farmers of Sukarukuti should be allowed to cultivate jute and no restriction should be imposed in jute cultivation.
- BSF should follow the order of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Memorandum number 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 15.04.2020.
- The villagers should be provided with agricultural support.
- Every farmer should be compensated in respect of their financial loss as their crops are destroyed and for huge financial loss for illegal restriction of the BSF attached with Seuti Border Out Post.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely



Dipyaman Adhikary

Assistant Secretary

Banglar Manabdhikar Suraksha Mancha (MASUM)

Attached documents

Picture of closed gate



The complaint lodged before Superintendent of Police of Cooch Behar

To,

The Superintendent of Police

Cooch Behar District, West Bengal

Date- 27/05/2020

বিষয়: সীমান্তবর্তী এলাকার কৃষকদের ক্ষতিপূরণের দাবির জন্য আবেদন

মহাশয়,

সবিনয় নিবেদন এই যে, আমরা দিনহাটা ২নং ব্লকের ৭নং বিধান সভা কেন্দ্রের অন্তর্গত শুকারুর কুঠি অঞ্চলের, শুকারুর কুঠি পূর্ব - এর সাধারণ কৃষকবৃন্দ। উক্ত অঞ্চলের অন্তর্গত BSF - এর 192 BN কাঁটাতারের বেড়ার ভিতরে ও বাইরে 500 মিটারের মধ্যে আমাদের পাঠ চাষের উপর নিষেধাজ্ঞা জারি করেছে। কিন্তু জমিগুলিতে প্রথম দিকে হাল-চাষ করে ফেললেও পরে আর বীজ বপন করতে দেয়নি BSF আধিকারিক, উল্টে আমাদের খেত নষ্ট করার হুমকি দিয়েছে। ফলে জমিগুলি পতিতাবস্থায় পরে রয়েছে। এর ফলে আমাদের বিপুল পরিমাণ ক্ষতি হয়েছে। একদিকে করোনা মোকাবিলার ফলে দারিদ্রতা এবং অন্যদিকে কৃষকদের উপর চাষাবাদে নিষেধাজ্ঞা সীমান্তের গ্রামীণ অর্থনীতিকে দুর্বল করে ফেলেছে।

অতএব, মহাশয় আপনার নিকট বিনীত নিবেদন কৃষকদের অর্থনৈতিক উন্নয়ন বজায় এবং ক্ষতিপূরণের জন্য উপযুক্ত ব্যবস্থা করলে বাধিত হইব।

ইতি

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BSF-192 BN CAMP

ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত জমিগুলির বিবরণ পরের পৃষ্ঠায় দেওয়া হল-

BOP SEUTI, P.O-SUKARUR KUTHI

GATE NO-24-25

OFFICER IN CHARGE

সীমান্তবর্তী অঞ্চল

১৯৭২ নং এলাকা

L.T.৩

২নং দিনহাটা অঞ্চল

L.T.৩

সীমান্তবর্তী অঞ্চল

The complaint lodge before Sub Divisional Officer , Dinhata

To
The S. D. O. Dinhata Mahakuma
Date - 6/4/20

Subject - Seuti Part I. The 2nd April 2020.
বিষয় :- কুচিংগাঙ্গুলী গাওঁ ও কাছাৰীৰ জনিত ২৫০
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স্বাক্ষৰ
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